

Newsletter: May 2019

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! I hope you enjoy reading these updates as we transition from an active spring season and gear up for summer.

The next few months are some of our busiest here at REACH Prep, having just accepted our 26th cohort of Scholars and preparing for our summer Prep Academy program along with summer workshops for our middle school and high school students.

As many of you may know, May 1st was National College Decision Day. I am excited to share that 100% of our high school seniors were accepted to a top 100 college or university ranked by [US News](#)! We look forward to working with these rising college freshmen over the summer to ensure that they will successfully transition to, and succeed in, their first semester and beyond.

Until next time, I want to thank you for being a part of the REACH Prep community and I hope you have a wonderful start to your summer!

Warm regards,



Gina Lucas
Chief Executive Officer

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REACH Prep's Junior Council Presents - "I Love the '90s!"

Friday, June 14, 2019

Arch Street Center

Greenwich, CT

Party like it's "1994", REACH Prep's founding year, and get ready to sport your favorite '90s styles! A tribute to Bayside High, MC Hammer, snap bracelets, the Discman, 90210 and 25 years of REACH Prep!

Join us for an evening of live music, great food, cocktails and dancing.

For more information and to purchase tickets, [click here!](#)

Private Day & Boarding School Fair

Presented by Greenwich Education Group

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

Old Greenwich, CT

Meet with admissions representatives from 100+ private day and boarding schools for free. For a second year in a row, proceeds from the event will benefit REACH Prep. Thank you, Greenwich Education Group!

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for the event!



Summer Visitor Days

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

or Wednesday, July 17, 2019

The Greenwich Country Day School

Greenwich, CT



and join us for a round-table with REACH Prep's CEO, Gina Lucas.

[Visit our website](#) for more information or [click here](#) to RSVP.

Save the Date! **REACH Prep's 25th Anniversary Gala**

Friday, November 1, 2019

The Loading Dock

Stamford, CT

Celebrating all of the remarkable students who have passed through our doors and the impact REACH Prep has made in their lives. Join us for a festive evening honoring 25 years of REACH Prep!



Program Highlights



REACH Prep's 2019 Spring Break College Trip

This spring, REACH Prep took our high school students on a 3-day trip to visit 6 Massachusetts colleges. This year's college trip included visits to Amherst College, Hampshire College, Smith College, College of the Holy Cross, UMass Amherst and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

[Visit our website](#) to see pictures and read more about our trip!

Middle School Scholars Building Community

This winter REACH Prep middle school students and families had the opportunity to hear from two Greenwich Country Day School faculty members; Chrissy Colon Bradt and Andrew Ledee. Their interactive presentation was centered around building a common community in an unfamiliar setting. Each presenter briefly shared their personal stories about joining independent school communities and offered reflections that were echoed among our students and parents.



[Click here](#) to read more about this middle school workshop!



Congratulations to REACH Prep's newest Cohort of Scholars, Cohort 26!

This spring REACH Prep welcomed Cohort 26 to the REACH Prep community, joining 250 current REACH Prep Scholars and over 150 Alumni. These students are hardworking and motivated, both in and out of the classroom. They will graduate from high school in 2027 and college in 2031!

Congratulations and welcome to REACH Prep, Cohort 26!



Fulbright Scholar

After receiving her Masters of Education in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from the Wheelock College of Education & Human Development at Boston University, REACH Prep alumna from Cohort 8, Jennifer Eliezer, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English to post-secondary school students in rural Costa Rica.

[Click here](#) to read more about Jennifer's plans as a Fulbright Scholar!

2019 Annual Benefit Luncheon a Success!

On April 29th REACH Prep held it's 2019 Annual Benefit Luncheon to recognize our 25th Cohort of Scholars, our accomplished Alumni and our visionary Founders! We are proud to share that this event has raised over \$370,000. The money the Luncheon raises is vital to REACH Prep's ability to provide the outstanding programs and services that distinguish us as one of the best organizations in the educational access space. We are so grateful to everyone who supported this event and showed up to empower our future leaders - THANK YOU!

[Click here](#) to view photos from the event!



Student Spotlight

**Cesar M.****Cohort 21****Rye Country Day School '22**

Cesar is a member of Cohort 21 and is currently in 9th grade at Rye Country Day School. He plays the tenor saxophone in RCDS's wind ensemble and honors jazz band, and is a talented athlete who plays football, soccer and wrestling.

Through REACH Prep's partnership with the John Austin Cheley Foundation, Cesar has attended their overnight summer program for the past 3 years. As a fourth year returner,

Cesar was asked to lead a service project helping his community. Cesar selected to volunteer at The Nathaniel Witherell, a nursing home in Connecticut, over his spring break.

Cesar plans to continue to volunteer at Nathaniel Witherell throughout the summer and through his high school years. He is looking forward to returning to his summer program with the John Austin Cheley Foundation again this summer, and presenting this project to his peers to inspire more youth-led service work across the country.

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